

Resolution 21-160 Testimony

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From: CLK Council Info
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Subject: Public Infrastructure and Technology Testimony

Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 08-11-2021
Council/PH Committee Public Infrastructure and Technology
Agenda Item Appointment of Anthony Aalto to HART
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

I vehemently OPPOSE the appointment of Anthony Aalto to become a member of the HART board.

This candidate has proven beyond a doubt he is indebted to special interests that would cause non objective decision making, leading to further erosion of public trust in an already failing infrastructure project which will ensure the financial burden of Honolulu taxpayers for generations.

Written
Testimony

That this person - someone with ZERO connection to public infrastructure, engineering, cost estimations or even basic public transportation - was even considered for HART, shows a unique arrogance by the individuals that appointed him and smacks of insider dealing at a time in history where Honolulu government is under scrutiny for wholesale corruption at many levels and overall malfeasance.

A strong NO vote from councilperson Fukunaga would be greatly appreciated!

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Council
Committee
Agenda Item reso 21-160
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony

This is one of the worst hoaxes thrust upon the citizenry. Although it does compliment the never ending terrible news from HART, which is in the news, it seems daily, with another scandal. Mr. Aalto is NOT qualified to fill this position. He is a film maker. You should reappoint Joe Uno, who knows construction, costs, and has been an exemplary member of HART. It is disappointing to see the council stooping so low. I had higher expectations for this council.

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Aug. 6, 2021

Honolulu's rail project has failed miserably, and the public yearns for an affordable, functional and practical solution. This can only come about if divergent views are encouraged and considered while decisions about the future of the project are being made.

Yet, Mr. Joe Uno is characterized in unflattering ways because he brings a thoughtful and unique perspective to the HART board. Mr. Uno has called for a pause/reevaluation of rail's Plan A and this appears to be the sole reason why attempts are being made by some to not reappoint him.

When a project with a lifespan of over a decade and a half has floundered at every step of the way, is there no reason to pause and reassess? Is there not a pressing need to consider other needs of a community heavily burdened with taxes, fees and seemingly endless obligations? I firmly believe that there is.

Accordingly, I respectfully urge that the council adopt Councilmember Tulba's floor amendment and (re)appoint Mr. Joe Uno to the HART board. His professional expertise, apolitical approach, common sense and consideration of needs and desires of the general public make him an ideal board member.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Resolution 21-160

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Subject: Council Testimony

Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item Res. 21-160, FD1
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization Self

Aloha Kākou,

Written Testimony

As a senior taxpayer from District 6, I urge the City Council adopt the FD1 version of Res. 21-160. Joe Uno has been a good for the HART board and the general public providing a perspective that is much needed for such a costly project. He has the experience needed to make the tough decisions ahead.

Please reappoint him rather than introduce a new player who will have a steep learning curve.

I want my taxpayer dollars spent prudently.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item RESOLUTION 21-160
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization Self

Written Testimony The council should not appoint Mr. Aalto to the HART Board. Nothing personal, but Aalto does not have the professional qualifications compared to Mr. Joe Uno. To clarify, I support Councilmember Tulba's floor resolution (21-160, FD1) to appoint Mr. Uno. If Uno was a unanimous choice a year ago, what has changed to remove him?

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Rail costs 'unimaginable,' retired transit official says

By Dan Nakaso

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A retired Federal Transit Administration official who had evaluation responsibility for America's rail projects — including the city's troubled system — called Honolulu's spiraling costs and \$3 billion deficit “unimaginable” and “far beyond” anything he has seen across the country in 30 years with the FTA.

Twenty-one rail projects around the nation averaged cost overruns of just over 6% compared with their original funding plans between 2003 and 2007. So the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation's current cost estimate of \$12.449 billion represents a 143% escalation above its original cost estimate of \$5.12 billion when the city signed its Full Funding Grant Agreement with the FTA in 2012.

Ron Fisher retired in 2009, before the FFGA, but continues to follow the HART project. Fisher spent 30 years at the FTA and retired as director of the Office of Project Planning in the FTA's Washington, D.C., headquarters, with the responsibility for rating and evaluating every rail project in the country that sought federal funds, including HART.

Fisher called Honolulu's escalating costs and shortfall “unimaginable” and unprecedented in his career evaluating dozens — if not hundreds — of rail projects. He cited a 2007 study by the FTA's Office of Planning and Environment that found that “21 projects completed between 2003 and 2007 ... exceeded the inflation-adjusted estimates developed in alternatives analysis by 40.2 percent, the final design entry cost estimates by 11.8 percent, and the FFGA estimates by 6.2 percent.”

“The Honolulu project is way beyond anything that I've observed,” Fisher told the Honolulu Star-Advertiser on Monday. “I'm shocked. ... Whenever I see the costs going up, I'm personally flabbergasted. It is way beyond and unmatched by anything that I have observed. Of the projects we've done in the last few decades, there's nothing that even approaches that cost overrun. It's extraordinary by any measure.” Fisher retired before construction got underway in Honolulu, so he has no direct knowledge of why the original estimate ballooned so much.

Some cost overruns were to be expected because of the need to import labor, expertise, consultants and materials from the mainland to Hawaii, he said.

The original estimate of \$5.12 billion also may have been too conservative, Fisher said. “Prior to the FFGA, it was obvious the project would be challenging,” he said.

The 20-mile, 21-station rail project is scheduled to run from East Kapolei to Ala Moana Center, Hawaii's largest transit hub. It's not scheduled for completion until March 2031. Once past Middle Street and the problem-plagued Dillingham Boulevard corridor, there is no money to build the remaining 4-mile stretch of rail and eight remaining stations from Kalihi to Ala Moana Center. The higher costs and budget shortfall put rail officials in a tough place because Fisher assumes they have little credibility left with the FTA to seek additional funds. “The \$3.5 billion shortfall is a lot,” Fisher said. “We don't know that the \$3.5 billion shortfall is reliable. It could be even more. There's nothing in the project history that suggests HART can bring in the project at the estimates. ... It would be highly unusual for FTA to say, ‘We're going to

reward you with additional money for a project that seems to be incurring incredible cost overruns.” There should be a serious “data-driven” analysis underway and presented to the public and decision-makers to consider alternatives, including stopping rail short of Ala Moana and other ways to cut costs, Fisher said. “Because the shortfall’s so dramatic, there are questions about where should we stop the project,” he said. “Should we eliminate stations?” In a subsequent email, Fisher wrote: “If the shortfall of funding to complete the project to Ala Moana Center cannot be found, then this project can no longer proceed as being in the construction phase. The reality is there are fundamental planning issues which must be addressed given there are now optional ending locations for the stations. To make informed decisions of the best terminus location, reliable information should be developed for each optional terminus that addresses ridership, cost, bus connection operations, environmental impacts and other impacts. This is critical if HART wants to produce credible information for the public and decision makers to examine a shortened project that has never been vetted with the public and other interested parties.” In his interview with the Star-Advertiser, Fisher said there was no precedent during his career at FTA to indicate how FTA officials will respond when Mayor Rick Blangiardi, Council Chairman Tommy Waters and interim HART CEO and Executive Director Lori Kahikina meet with them this year and lay out their the project’s problems. “Certainly, the cost overrun history would indicate there’s nothing like this” that FTA has faced, Fisher said. Without citing specific projects, Kahikina disputed that rail projects average cost overruns of 6% compared with their Full Funding Grant Agreements. “I find it hard to believe that a mega rail project is going to stay within 6% of its (original) cost,” she told the Star-Advertiser. Asked about the main reasons for HART’s higher costs, Kahikina said, “I can’t speak for my predecessors, but I think their estimates were too aggressive (conservative). Even at \$5 billion it may have been too aggressive.” HART’s current fleet of 17 trains remains grounded more than two weeks after Kahikina was told that a door on one of the automated trains was discovered open during daily test runs, a violation of safety protocols. Fisher said the door malfunction — and a lingering problem of too-thin wheels and too-wide track at 12 junctions — is not worrisome to him. “I wouldn’t say that having problems with doors is that unusual,” Fisher said. “There are always bugs that you have to sort out.” He also said that political pressure surrounding the HART project is not unusual. “Every area has their own politics,” he said.

Stanford Masui

Resolution 21-160

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Council
Agenda Item	Res. 21-160
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	Council needs to adopt Councilmember Tulbas floor amendment and appoint Mr. Joseph P. Uno to the HART board-- we need his expertise, honesty and clarity in speaking out-- the public needs Mr. Uno's perspective on the rail.
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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item Resolution 21-160
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization Self

Written Testimony

I would strongly oppose the appointment of Anthony Aaito to the HART board regardless of who he would replace. Aaito, in my opinion, adds nothing of value to the HART board at this critically important time. The person he would be replacing, Joe Uno, is one of the most qualified persons ever to serve on the HART board. In addition to his credentials, Uno has asked critically important questions that other board members never asked, at least not publicly. Because his credentials are both impressive and highly relevant; he has sparked a substantial increase in transparency and critical thinking at HART; and has served on the board for only one year, by replacing Uno now the Council would appear to favor less competence, less transparency, and less critical thinking at HART, which would ultimately be harmful to the public. That is why I encourage you to reappoint Joe Uno to the HART board.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Council
Committee
Agenda Item Resolution 21-160
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Written
Testimony

Aloha Council Chair Waters and Councilmembers, I am a 28 year resident of Ewa. I want the rail system to be built all the way to Ala Moana and hopefully someday beyond. I have talked to many people who feel the same way. This is only common sense and will enhance the quality of life for westside commuters and in time I believe that rail will become the preferred method of traveling along our southern shore. I like to think that if we work together we (Honolulu County) can figure this out.

I support Resolution 21-160 to appoint Anthony B. Aalto to the HART Board of Directors for the term to expire on June 30, 2026.

I oppose the proposed FD1

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Council
Committee
Agenda Item 21-160
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony I oppose the current measure because I prefer that the council adopts Councilmember Tulba's floor amendment and appoint Mr. Joseph P. Uno.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item Resolution 21-160
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization Self

Written Testimony

Aloha,
Councilmember Augie Tulba has introduced a floor amendment, Resolution 21-160, FD1 which would make Mr. Joseph P. Uno the City Council appointee to the HART Board. As you may be aware, Mr. Uno was unanimously appointed to the HART Board by the Honolulu City Council on July 8, 2020 to finish out the term of John Henry Felix. Mr. Uno's term expired on June 30, 2021 and he was not reappointed to the HART Board. The current resolution appoints Mr. Anthony Aalto, a filmmaker, to the HART Board. If adopted, the community would lose a valuable asset and voice on the HART Board.
Joe Uno is the right person for this job, I support his re-appointment because we know he is honest and independent and will not simply rubber-stamp HART recommendations but will give it a critical scrutiny.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Council
Committee
Agenda Item Resolution 21-160
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

I oppose Resolution 21-160 appointing Anthony Aalto to the HART board and support Councilmember Tulba's floor amendment to reappoint Joseph Uno to his rightful position as a member of the board.

A vote for Uno will show your support for a more open and truthful process and defy the back room politics and cronyism that defines the rail project.

Written Testimony

In respect for your constituents who demand honesty, common sense, transparency and fairness when it comes to HART business, please do the right thing and step forward as independent thinkers to place Joe Uno on the board.

I'm sure you want to be on record as supporting Uno who is a professional with relevant expertise and can help right this sinking rail ship.

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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 08-11-2021

**Council/PH
Committee** Council

Agenda Item Resolution 21-160

**Your position on
the matter** Oppose

**Representing
Organization** Self

**Written
Testimony** I oppose this resolution. The council needs to adopt Councilmember Tulba's floor amendment and appoint Mr. Joseph P. Uno. Mr. Uno is fair, experienced, and more than qualified to serve. Mr. Uno understands the deep impact the rail project has on not only our State and the economy, but the impact it has on the economy we leave to our children and grandchildren. His voice is needed for balance.

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Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item Resolution 21-160
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization Self
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Aalto's Conflicts of Interest Disqualify Him for HART Board

Instead of Aalto, I support Resolution 21-160, FD1 which calls for appointment of Joe Uno to this HART board seat.

Written Testimony

Anthony Aalto's nomination to the HART board must be rejected due to his conflicts of interest created by accepting money from rail beneficiaries, and because he has none of the required qualifications for the position.

Anthony Aalto is disqualified because he accepted major funding for a movie production from companies who would benefit from rail construction, which creates a very troubling conflict of interest. Right after Aalto made his pro-rail movie, which was disguised as a balanced report, he made another movie costing more than \$400,000 about homeless in Hawaii, which although it had nothing to do with rail, was given major funding by rail supporters, including the following: PRP, the construction union organization, Stanford Carr, developer of a Kakaako condo that is planned to have a rail station, First Hawaiian Bank, Hawaiian Dredging, which was awarded a \$78.9 million contract to build three rail stations in Waipahu, Hunt Companies, developers of Kalaeloa at Barbers Point, Pacific Links International, owner of two Leeward golf courses.

Aalto's gifts from rail affiliates have the appearance of a payoff for the biased pro-rail movie he made in support of their financial interests in rail. Conflict of interest is an especially sensitive issue given the recent

resignation of HART board chair Toby Martyn under a cloud of suspicion that he personally profited from his votes on bond issuances.

The very first criterion specified by the City Council for selecting a HART board member is they must "Be free of actual or potential conflicts of interest." After the Hanabusa contract and Toby Martyn resignations, the last thing HART needs is the appearance of more corruption. Aalto filled out the required conflict of interest form in his application but failed to mention the funding he already received. Aalto's rail movie is his ONLY "qualification" as cited by Cordero in her nominating resolution.

Aalto's movie, which includes extensive quotes from PRP, is based on two big lies:

(1) Rail opponents want no growth and lack alternatives plans for transportation or future development, which leads to social chaos; (2) and building rail is the only way we can create affordable housing, solve traffic, and protect farmland

The person Aalto would replace, Joe Uno, is a highly regarded construction cost expert, apolitical, honest, smart and possessing the potential to contribute to finding best solutions for rail. Aalto has no such relevant expertise. The only minor qualification he offers is making a rail movie, which was a biased and distorted view of the true situation relating to rail alternatives.

The attempt to replace Uno with Aalto reveals the fundamental problem with HART oversight: Rail is failing because of the exclusion of expert and diverse opinions who are calling to modify transit in ways that would save money and open the system to riders sooner. By replacing Uno, the City Council will suppress the voice and views of a majority of Oahu residents, who have soured on rail and are concerned about transparency and financial controls.

Instead I urge you to appoint Joe Uno, an extremely well-qualified person of integrity.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Council
Agenda Item	Reso 21-160
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
Organization	
Written Testimony	Please adopt Reso 21-160 - FD1 and appoint Joseph Uno.
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HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, August 11, 2021 — 10:00 a.m.

UluPono Initiative supports Resolution 21-160, Appointment of Anthony B. Aalto to Serve on the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) Board of Directors.

Dear Chair Waters and Members of the Council:

My name is Micah Munekata, and I am the Director of Government Affairs at UluPono Initiative. We are a Hawai'i-focused impact investment firm that strives to improve the quality of life throughout the islands by helping our communities become more resilient and self-sufficient through locally produced food; renewable energy and clean transportation; and better management of freshwater and waste.

UluPono supports Resolution 21-160, which appoints Mr. Anthony Aalto to the HART Board of Directors.

Mr. Aalto provides a critical community voice to the HART Board of Directors, providing a specialized project knowledge that highlights community impacts, environmental considerations, and community equity. Greenhouse gas emissions play a substantial role in climate change, and the City's support for multimodal options will support a more resilient and sustainable community. Climate impacts should be taken into consideration regarding this project and Mr. Aalto provides a key perspective to support those efforts.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this resolution.

Respectfully,

Micah Munekata
Director of Government Affairs
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***Note:** UluPono Initiative values this measure before the Council today and appreciates the opportunity to testify; however, we are unable to attend in person due to concerns around COVID-19. Thank you for your understanding.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Council
Agenda Item	21-160
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	the legal limit for marajuana must be too high. how else could one explain not voting for joe uno!
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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item 21-160
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization Self

Written Testimony I am opposed to Anthony Aalto serving on HART. While striking a pose as inquiring about the merits of the rail, Anthony effectively has provided cover for the rail steamroller by virtue of his Sierra Club references (Oahu chapter political action group). This has created an illusion that environmental advocacy groups support rail when most of the rest of us are opposed. Tom Coffman/board member, Hawaii Thousand Friends

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item 21-160-FD1
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization Self

Written Testimony Joe Uno is a person of real character. I have been acquainted with him for 25 or more years and his family for longer. As an aside, I should note that the Uno family played a crucial role in the uphill battle for Apology and Reparation embodied in the U.S. Civil Rights Act of 1988. Joe similarly is deeply principled and has approached reexamination of the rail (urgently needed) with a reflective, even-handed and upfront approach that can heal some of the scarring caused by this project. Please vote aye.

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Committee** Council

Agenda Item Res. 21-160

**Your position
on the matter** Oppose

**Representing
Organization** Self

**Written
Testimony** I also support Res. 21-160-FD1
Res. 21-160 was a mistake. Anthony Aalto has a financial conflict with
HART. While this conflict would be considered awkward in the private
sector, in the public sector it is inadmissible. Council leadership should
retract this nomination and extend Joe Uno's service on the HART
board.

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Agenda Item Resolution 21-160
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Please appoint Mr. Joe Uno to the HART board. Additional discussion is on the attachment.

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Thank you for considering this request.

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Committee
Agenda Item 21-160
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony I oppose the appointment of Anthony Aalto to the Honolulu Rail Board. Mr. Aalto supports extensions of rail to the Ala Moana Shopping Center which would add many millions of dollars to the already unsustainable costs of Honolulu Rail.

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Committee
Agenda Item 21-160-FD1
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony I support the appointment of Joseph P. Uno to the Board of Honolulu Rail. Mr. Uno has served ably on the Board and will continue to advocate sensible solutions to the current problems of excessive costs that plague the system. Of the two candidates for the Board Mr. Uno would be the more independent voice for the interests of the citizens of Honolulu.

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Committee
Agenda Item Resolution 21-160
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony I am a retired Registered Civil Engineer and want a strong Engineer, Mr. Uno, to continue oversee the Rail Construction. I thereforel oppose current resolution 21-160 and strongly support amended Resolution 21-160-FDI and appoint Mr. Joseph Uno.

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Committee Council
Agenda Item Resolution 21-160
Your position on
the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written
Testimony

Dear City Council,
I am Jeremy Lam and I would like to submit testimony opposing Resolution 21-160. there are many reasons to lend continuing support to HART Joe Uno. i will mention 3. 1) Joe Uno is eminently qualified to serve on the HART Board. Mr. Uno is a certified professional cost estimator, a project management professional, a value management associate and a LEED AP who has successfully estimated projects from Diego Garcia to Puerto Rico and from Alaska to Australia, as well as all over the Pacific Basin. He has estimated thousands of projects, both big and small. 2) If you have been following HART deliberations and the local news with its preponderance of negative information on the rail project, you would know that Joe Uno has been independent, outspoken and open minded when it comes to evaluating alternatives and keeping the board grounded in reality which means completing rail with the monies we have. 3) The unqualified candidate for the HART Board included in this resolution will bring no integrity and qualified business and developmental insight which is vitality necessary! As the past leader of the Sierra Club, he promoted rail as an environmentally friendly project which is completely false. Several of m closest friends resigned from the Sierra Club when he took that stand. Later, the PRP Super Pac (carpenter's union) spent millions of dollars to slander Ben Cayetano. They were later fined by our court system. Soon after that, PRP begin funding for Mr. Aalto's films. There are more reasons certain members of the Council and our leaders have pushed this project forward over these many years. But i will stop and I will hope you will see fit to defeat this resolution and support Councilman Tulba's resolution to continue with

Joe Uno's service on the HART Board. Thank you for the opportunity to give testimony. :)

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Written Testimony

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Agenda Item 21-160-FD1
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization Self

Written Testimony I offer a background in construction and historical and institutional knowledge of this project that will allow a positive contribution. I have certifications as a Cost Professional, a Project Management Professional, and a Value Methodology Associate, all of which I bring to my service to the Board and the City & County of Honolulu. I am humbled and honored to have served on this Board and with your support, am willing and able to serve the community in this position.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item Resolution 21-160
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization medical

Written Testimony

Mr Uno's background is perfect for what the board needs now. Do NOT hold him responsible for the previous transgressions of the past decade. That was the city's oversight and fault. Even thinking HART would do what is best for the taxpayer was a fallacy. Keep Mr. Uno and his expertise on HART, not a damn filmmaker. Are you kidding me? Film making is NOT journalism, they are separate degrees and areas of expertise. Mr. Aldo just becomes another in a long line of yes men and the financial backers of his films bring unquestioned conflict of interest into this. How is his nomination even possible with HART under a huge microscope, including the fed who can make or break this project!

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Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item Resolution 21-160
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization Self

Written Testimony

I am in opposition to the appointment of Mr. Aalto to the HART board. The support he has received from pro-rail factions and his lack of technical expertise points to someone who would be easily swayed by these factions. I ask that you consider reappointing Joe Uno, someone with proven technical insight, by supporting Resolution 21-160-FD1. It's time to bring some sanity to this project that looks to be benefiting nobody but entrenched interests.

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Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
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Written Testimony

My name is Robert Crone and I am submitting testimony in opposition to Resolution 21-160 and in support of Resolution 21-160-FD1. As an architect, I have professionally and personally known How Uno for about 25 years. I've known him to be a certified professional cost estimator, a project management professional, a practice person and a person of highest integrity. I have worked with him on several architectural projects and found his work to be accurate and detailed. As a member of the HART board he will provide a skill set sorely needed. As a member of the environmental community, I have known Anthony Aalto for about 10 to 15 years. I, as many others in the environmental community, took strong exception when, as chair of the Sierra Club Oahu Group, he supported the rail project as an environmentally friendly project. Many of us resigned from the Sierra Club when he took that stand. With credibility of the rail project currently at an all time low, true leadership by passing Resolution 21-160-FD1 is needed at this time. Thank you for the opportunity to give testimony.

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Agenda Item 21-160-FD1
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization
Written Testimony I am in support of Joe Uno for the HART board.
Gilbert W. Black
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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Council
Committee
Agenda Item resolution 21-160 FD1
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Support Councilmembers Augie Tulba and Heidi Tsuneyoshi's resolution to confirm the reappointment of Joe Uno to the HART Board.
Mr. Uno is a qualified and respected certified cost estimator whose expertise is desperately needed if we are ever going to be done with the rail.
Written Testimony Sincerely,
Salome Sato
expat living in Medford/Grants Pass, OR.

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Agenda Item resolution 21-160 FD1
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

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Council/PH Council
Committee
Agenda Item RESOLUTION 21-160
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written
Testimony

I OPPOSE THE RAIL EXTENSION TO ALA MOANA CENTER DUE TO THE EVER INCREASING COSTS OF WHICH HONOLULU CANNOT AFFORD. I AM IN SUPPORT OF APPOINTING JOSEPH P UNO & TERMINATING THE RAIL AT MIDDLE STREET WITH A SUPPORTING BUS SYSTEM FROM THERE.
SINCERELY,
JACKIE BLACK

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Agenda Item	21-160
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
Organization	
Written Testimony	I support Tulba 21-160-FD1
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Council/PH Committee	Council
Agenda Item	Res 21-160FD
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	We need Joe Uno to provide realistic, truthful information. He has experience whereas Aalto does not. Stop playing politics.
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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item Res 21-160-FD1
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization Self

Written Testimony Mr. Joseph Uno is an outstanding member of the HART board. He brings much needed expertise and transparency to the board. As taxpayers it is only fair that we have someone who can think for themselves and look at all viable options regarding the rail project and communicate that information to us since we are paying for it. Please re appoint Mr. Joseph Uno to the HART board.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Council
Agenda Item	Res 21-160
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	I do not believe Anthony Aalto has the qualifications necessary to be an effective member of the HART board.
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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Council
Committee
Agenda Item Resolution 21-160
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony With the huge cost overruns on the rail project, we need highly qualified directors on the HART board. Anthony Aalto does not have the necessary qualifications.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item Resolution 21-160 Appointment of Anthony B. Aalto to Serve on the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation Board of Directors
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization Self

I am a Honolulu resident, voter and concerned observer of the cost overruns and troubled public image of HART's rail project management. It seems like the last thing the rail project and our city needs is for the City Council to toss out the opportunity to reappoint to the HART Board someone who was Council-appointed last year to serve the remainder of John Henry Felix's term and a very experienced, widely respected construction cost estimator for public projects, Joseph Uno. Yet that is where the Council is heading if it follows the recommendation from the Transportation Subcommittee and votes to appoint Anthony Aalto instead per Resolution 21-160.

Written Testimony

Perhaps some new Councilmembers do not realize that Mr. Aalto does not meet the Council's own requirements for appointment to the HART Board. While as a journalist he has demonstrated interest in the rail project through his experience producing a documentary film, "Railroading Paradise", it simply is not substantial enough to qualify as a nominee for the current open seat on the Board.

Board members are to "be free of actual or potential conflicts of interest, and be nominated and appointed based on their demonstrated knowledge, expertise and experience in relevant subject matter areas, including but not limited to the following: 1) transit operations; 2) construction management; 3) financial management and risk assessment; 4) land use planning; and 5) property development and management" (Resolution 11-30).

Eight years later the Council established the following additional

minimum qualifications for a Council-appointed HART Board member:

1) At least 5 years of senior leadership experience in mass transit, rail, construction, engineering, business administration, financial management, law, or similar industry relevant to the Rail Project, and

2) A bachelor's degree, master's degree, or doctorate from an accredited college or university in engineering, law, accounting, business administration, public administration, or other discipline relevant to the Rail Project; or a combination of education and work experience substantially equivalent to such a bachelor's degree;" (Resolution 11-30).

The Rail Project is very short of funds and is running out of time and public patience. Please seriously consider the issues I have raised and do your part to build needed public confidence in the Project and its management by voting to seat Mr. Uno.

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Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item Resolution 21-160
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization Self

My name is Didi Leong and I would like to submit testimony opposing the current Resolution 21-160 and support the appointment of Mr. Joseph P. Uno to the HART board through the amendment proposed by Council Member Augie Tulba.

The following articles support the reassessment of the existing rail situation:

1. Grassroot Institute June 22, 2017: "Honolulu rail project most expensive in the world", by Joe Kent.
2. World Tribune, April 15, 2021: "Off the rails; Hawaii project costing taxpayers \$1 billion per mile.
3. Hawaii Free Press, June 21, 2018/August 6, 2021: "Honolulu Rail-- Most Expensive Per Capita in World History."

Written Testimony

This is why I feel the reappointment of Mr. Joseph P. Uno to the HART board is of absolute importance at this time. He is an eminent professional bringing qualifications as a certified professional cost estimator, a project management professional with experience at estimating thousand of projects both big and small.

Furthermore, in his time on the project, he has been independent, outspoken and open-minded when it comes to evaluating alternatives and keeping the board grounded in reality concerning cost management. He also brings transparency, deep expertise and freedom from ties to the construction industry and/or political influences which would affect his independent voice.

For those of us who have been following the rail project, how the council votes on this resolution will clarify the truth of where individual council members stand.

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Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item Reso 21-160, Appt of A.B. Aalto to serve on the HART Board
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization Self

Written Testimony Aloha honorable City Council of Honolulu, We are about to get a bunch of money from President Biden's infrastructure bill. Let's spend it wisely with Joe Uno on the HART board. We need experienced leadership determining the course of this project. Joe can provide that. Mr. Aalto's qualifications do not support his nomination. Please support Councilman Tulba's Resolution to retain Mr. Uno on the HART Board. MAHALO, Linda Legrande2243 Mohala Way, Honolulu 96822808) 384-0450

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Committee
Agenda Item Resolution 21-160
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written
Testimony

We oppose the current measure as written, but urge the council to adopt Councilmember Tulba's floor amendment and appoint Mr. Joseph P. Uno. Mr. Aalto does not have the relevant training or experience to qualify him for a position on the HART board! It is difficult to understand how Mr Aalto could be considered in lieu of Mr. Uno, an experienced cost estimator for large construction projects, with training, credentials and a year's experience on the HART. We ask you to re-appoint Mr. Uno, who has served our community well on the HART board in the past year.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item CR 210 - Resolution 21-160
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization Self

The Honorable Tommy Waters, Chair and Presiding Officer
Honolulu City Council

Members of Honolulu City Council

Dear Chair Waters and City Council Members

Written Testimony

I am Gordon Aoyagi and am a retiree living in Honolulu. I've had over 40 years of public policy experience in mainland local governments serving as a senior executive for public administration, transit, safety and homeland security. My public transit experience of about 25 years includes management of transit services in Boulder, CO; Westport, CT; Salem, OR and Montgomery County, MD which included coordination of transit with the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA).

I oppose the adoption Resolution 21-160. I oppose the appointment of Mr. Anthony B Aalato and support the retention of Mr Joe Uno for the HART Board. I do not know either party and my knowledge of the two people being considered for HART is limited to news accounts generally circulated by various media. I do know that governance of transit agencies is critical to effective and accountable implementation of strategic, management and operational plans. I believe Mr Uno has the critical thinking skills, background and experience to contribute to the rigorous discourse needed for governing consensus to assure that policies, plans and contracts adopted by the HART Board serve the public interest in terms of service, ridership and cost. My past experiences with the Federal Transit Administration reflect that their

focus on mass transit projects in management plans include implementation of “usable segments”, i.e. the ability of the transit agency to effectively and efficiently operate a segment or part of the mass transit project if funding availability or circumstances negatively affect the completion of the projects. I do not believe that Mr Aalato's reported experiences reflect management of large organizations or complex project implementation requiring collaboration and coordination with multiple state and local agencies, federal department and private entities. He refers to his inquisitiveness, offering a King Street alternative for the Nimitz corridor , wishing for rejection of FTA funding and project oversight, and his support for transit oriented development as the critical skills he will bring to HART policy making. To me, this is another example of the train wheels not fitting the tracks - there seems to be no urgency to serving the public interest to stop the hemorrhaging of rail projected completion costs and addressing yet to be revealed operating costs. This is a time for action not postulating! Mr Uno's reported expertise is in complex project cost estimation, project management and value engineering. To me these experiences bring the disciplines of risk assessment in critical path processes and actions, risk transfer and management, contingency planning and work arounds by the contractor and owner, time bound accountability during implementation to bring projects to completion within time and budget and most importantly, that the understanding that time is money...the tax payers money. The urgency and the skill set that Mr. Uno represents not seem not only necessary but also very critical at this time for the HART Board.

An August 9, Civil Beat article referred to Honolulu's reputation among national transportation officials as Honolulu never having enough time to do it right, but plenty of time to do it over. This reported caricature represents a lack of confidence not among national transportation officials but also reflects a commonly held view among Honolulu residents. Mr Aalato's appointment seems a perpetuation of this caricature. I urge the Council to maintain common sense and to focus on the “money” in HART public policy decisions by retaining Mr. Uno on the HART Board.

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Committee
Agenda Item 21-160
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

I oppose 21-160. Please do the right thing...stay with the
opposing voice...YES Tulba...NOT Aalto...
Also, support Floor Amendment in support of Tuba

Written Testimony Peter Dudgeon
Diamond Head Road
56 year resident

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item 21-160-FD1
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization Self

Written Testimony Joe Uno should be reappointed to the HART board to maintain integrity and transparency. The public has completely lost faith in the project and the people running it. Please do the right thing and keep the person who can help us fund a solution for this mess!

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Council
Committee
Agenda Item Resolution 21-160
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony I would like to see the Council adopt Augie Tulba's resolution and appoint Mr. Uno and not Mr Aalato. I feel that Mr Uno has more knowledge about the rail, and Mr Uno does not.

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HAWAII REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS

August 11, 2021

The Honolulu City Council
The Honorable Tommy Waters, Chair
The Honorable Esther Kia'aina, Vice Chair
530 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**Statement of the Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters – Support for Resolution 21-160
APPOINTMENT OF ANTHONY B. AALTO TO SERVE
ON THE HONOLULU AUTHORITY FOR RAPID TRANSPORTATION BOARD
OF DIRECTORS.**

The Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters would like to offer their support for Resolution 21-160, to appoint Anthony Aalto to serve on the HART Board.

Aalto has a deep understanding of the rail project and has been involved in trying to secure a better outcome for the project as a citizen-activist.

Aalto's film *Railroading Paradise* was a comprehensive look at the pros and cons advanced during the initial debate about whether or not to build rail. Since then, through his chairmanship of the Sierra Club O'ahu Group and as a private citizen, he has repeatedly lobbied HART management, senior elected leaders and members of our Congressional delegation on the rail issue.

Aalto approaches the rail project as a means to encourage the construction of attractive affordable, walkable, transit-connected neighborhoods.

He also understands that the rail project is a vital piece of social equity in this state. Many of our members live on the west side of the island, but commute to town. Their lives are burdened unconscionably by commutes that are frequently longer than 3 hours a day. The number of people facing such commutes has risen by more than 80% in the last decade. The residents of the leeward coast were promised transportation infrastructure decades ago when the decision was made to relocate the "second city" from Kaneohe to Kapolei. For these people the rail project is a matter of social justice.

As an environmentalist Aalto also understands the growing importance of rail in providing resilience to the mounting threats from the climate crisis. Our urbanized coastal areas will not be able to

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HAWAII REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS

Mahalo for your consideration.

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Agenda Item Res. 21-160
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization Self

Written Testimony

Given the apparent conflicts of interest Anthony Aalto has with major rail developers and special interests, appointing such an obviously biased and professionally unqualified person like Aalto to the HART board would be the final nail in the coffin of public trust. The project is literally OFF the rails in terms of budget and oversight. Transportation Committee Chair Cordero and Council Chairman Waters and any Councilmembers who go along in supporting Aalto will lose all credibility with the public if they attempt to swap out highly regarded construction cost professional Joe Uno for Aalto, who in 2014 was investigated and sanctioned by the campaign spending commission while he was Chairman of the Sierra Club PAC. Please do the right thing by retaining Uno and rejecting Aalto. Taxpayers see rail as the State's worst-ever pay-to-play political project. Please have the courage to just stop.

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Agenda Item Resolution 21-160
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization
Written Testimony Please adopt Augie Tulba's resolution to Resolution 21-160, Amendment FD1 to support Joseph Uno to the HART Board. This is an extremely important appointment at this time and Anthony Aalto is unqualified for the position. Thank you.
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Agenda Item	Appointment to HART Board
Your position on the matter	Oppose
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Written Testimony	Reappoint Alto!
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Your position on the matter	Oppose
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Written Testimony	Reappoint Joe Uno!
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Agenda Item	21-160
Your position on the matter	Oppose
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Organization	
Written Testimony	Oppose. Please reappoint Joe Uno. Mahalo!
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John Bond, President
Kanehili Cultural Hui,
a recognized HART rail consulting party
testifying in opposing Resolution 21-160
and supporting adopting Councilmember Tulba's floor
amendment appointing the highly quaified
Joseph P. Uno to the HART board



Over budget at nearly \$500 million a mile, HART Rail is the national poster child of massive incompetence and management failure (or maybe a very well organized crime to SCAM the FTA and tax-payers of Hawaii?)

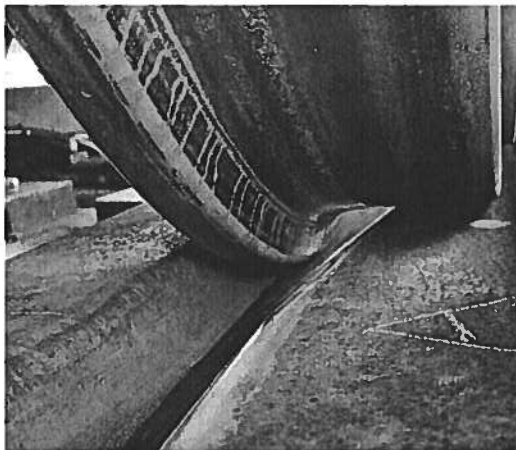
HART Rail has no factual estimates for ridership, just wild guesses, most from 10-15 years ago by a profiteering contractor who was wildly wrong on other rail projects. HART Rail has many aspects of confidence fraud scheme, has never had a true audit of where all of the billions disappeared to, and is now just finally thinking about fiscal management and accountability measures. ***This after many BILLIONS have disappeared into the pockets of insiders and sub-contractors.***

Audit slams Honolulu rail agency over management, costs

<https://www.staradvertiser.com/2016/04/15/breaking-news/audit-slams-honolulu-rail-agency-over-management-costs/> Honolulu Star-Advertiser,

April 2016 A report by the Office of the City Auditor concluded:

"HART's financial and operating plans are not reliable or current." "HART does not have an adequate contingency reserve." "HART could not provide documents to back up \$120 million in utility costs and \$45 million in project enhancements."



The Wrong Rusty Wheels On The Wrong Rusty Rail Cha-ching! \$12 Billion Well Spent?

Businesses on rail line suspect passing trains linked to recent power outages

<https://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/2020/12/03/some-businesses-rail-line-suspect-passing-trains-linked-sporadic-power-outages/>



Rusty Rail, Broken Shims, Corroded Rebar, Mis-aligned Wheels...

From: CLK Council Info
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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date	08-11-2021
Council/PH Committee	Council
Agenda Item	21-160
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
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Written Testimony

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Council/PH
Committee Council
Agenda Item Resolution 21-60
Your position on
the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Written At the very least, please have the decency to provide this small
Testimony amount of accountability in the form of a HART member who has
 fiscal experience. You have lost almost all public trust because of
 your incessant lack of credibility.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item RESOLUTION 21-160
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Aloha,

As a former resident of Hawai'i who lived there 35 years and whom recently left basically due to the high cost of living, I strongly encourage you to reinstate Joe Uno, Professional Cost Estimator to the HART Board. I am also an architectural designer having graduated from the University of Hawai'i School of Architecture in 1991 and have known of him for most of those years.

I am also a member of the AEC or Architectural Engineering Construction community and it just makes good sense to have Joe Uno on the Board as Joe is one of only a few Professional Cost Estimating firms in the islands and he is the one that many professional architectural firms have turned to for years to provide accurate cost estimates.

Written Testimony If one of the principal challenges the Rail faces is an out of control budget, then it just makes sense to have someone on the Board who knows local construction costs and could help determine if the requests for payment are legitimate or not.

It does not serve the People of Honolulu to build the rail at any cost. Many struggle and have struggled for years working two and three jobs just to survive.

I ask you, "How will this project be paid for?" and if the answer is in increased taxes, then I ask each and everyone of you Honorable Councilmember's, do you really think that people of Honolulu can and will be able to handle this increased burden.

Many have gone away to college on the mainland and simply choose not to return because they truly know how things are in the islands. So my question to you Honorable Councilpersons is do you want to be part of the solution to bringing an out of control project to some sort of

fiscally responsible fruition or do you want to be part of the coalition to building the rail at any cost that will benefit a few from it's completion to Ala Moana Center and then leave the people of the City and County of Honolulu stuck with the bill?

It is only good sense to have someone such as Joe Uno with over 35 years of experience in the AEC construction industry as not only do the fiscal challenges of the rail need to be solved but there are already key safety issues that have been in the media such as grouting, rebar and wheels issues.

So, in closing I am asking each and everyone of you Honorable Councilperson's to remember whom you serve and hopefully that is the people of the City and County of Honolulu and not some special interest group or donor to your campaign.

Thank you for your kind attention.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Council
Agenda Item	Resolution 21-160
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	Mr. Joseph P. Uno needs to be appointed for his expertise and experience. The other candidate has none.
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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item 21-160
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization
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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Council
Agenda Item	21-160-FD1
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing	Self
Organization	
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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Council
Agenda Item	21-160
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	Keep Joe Uno on HART. At least he's not bought & paid for like most HART members & City Council members.
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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item RESOLUTION 21-160 – APPOINTMENT OF ANTHONY B. AALTO TO
SERVE ON THE HONOLULU AUTHORITY FOR RAPID
TRANSPORTATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization
Organization Country Talk Story

Aloha Chair Waters:

I have a technical question as to why there is a stark irregularity in the language for Resolution 21-160 of July 20, 2021 versus the language for the August 11, 2021 Resolution 21-160.

Written Testimony Please note that all other nominees are named in their respective Resolutions.

I'm including the printed attachment for reference.

Mahalo,

Choon James

Testimony Attachment 20210810204324_Resolution_21-160_Why_has_the_language_for_Resolution___Choon_James.pdf

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
11TH SESSION
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2021
10 A.M.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND TESTIMONY

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ORDER OF THE DAY

PUBLIC HEARING/RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 21-166 (Transportation, Sustainability
and Health)

Confirming the appointment of Melanie Islam to serve on the
Climate Change Commission of the City and County of
Honolulu.

PUBLIC HEARING AND REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE

Resolution 21-167 (Budget)

Relating to the appointment of Dillon Hullinger to serve on
the Liquor Commission of the City and County of Honolulu.

PUBLIC HEARING AND REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE

Resolution 21-168 (Zoning and Planning)

Relating to the reappointment of Mr. Gifford Chang to serve
on the Planning Commission of the City and County of
Honolulu.

PUBLIC HEARING AND REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE

Related communication:

CC-294 Disclosure of Interest Statement submitted by
Councilmember Elefante.

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APPOINTMENT – RESOLUTIONS

TRANSPORTATION, SUSTAINABILITY AND HEALTH

CR-210

Resolution 21-160

Relating to qualifications for, and an appointment to, the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation Board of Directors.

FOR ADOPTION

Related communications:

CC-280

Disclosure of Interest Statement submitted by Councilmember Elefante.

CC-283

Disclosure of Interest Statement submitted by Councilmember Elefante.

CC-284

Disclosure of Interest Statement submitted by Councilmember Elefante.

**Why this
change? Where
is the name for
Anthony Aalto?**

Why has the language for Resolution 21- 160 for August 11, 2021 changed from the July 20, 2021 Public Hearing? Note that all other nominations regularly contain the

names of the nominee?



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Cathy A. Kane
Auge Turbe

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
TUESDAY, JULY 20, 2021
9:00 AM

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2. Each speaker may not have anyone else read their statement and is limited to a one-minute presentation.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY

Written testimony may be faxed to 766-3826 or transmitted via the internet at <http://www.honolulu.gov/ccl-testimony-form.html> for distribution at the meeting. If submitted, written testimonies, including the testifier's address, e-mail address and phone number, will be available to the public on both the City's Council's pilot website: www.honolulu.gov/citycouncil as well as the City's legacy DocuShare Website. Written Testimony will not be accepted in person at the meeting.

Should you have any questions please call 766-9230 or send an email to sherry.arca@honolulu.gov.

MATERIALS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION

Meeting materials ("board packet" under HRS Section 92-7.5) are accessible at <https://hndoc.chawaii.gov/hndoc/browse/agendas> by clicking on the appropriate Committee meeting.

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REMOTE TESTIFIERS

FOR ACTION

1. RESOLUTION 21-160 -- APPOINTMENT OF ANTHONY B. AALTO TO SERVE ON THE HONOLULU AUTHORITY FOR RAPID TRANSPORTATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS. Relating to the appointment of Anthony B. Aalto to serve on the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation Board of Directors for the term to expire on June 30, 2028. (Transmitted by Communication CC-275)

FOR ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 21-160

CC-275 (21) - CM CORDERO - Appointment of Anthony Aalto to the Board of Director of HART.

M-422 (21) - Testimony on Resolution 21-160 for 07/20/21 TSH Meeting.

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BUDGET

CR-216

Resolution 21-161

Relating to the Council's reappointment of James Burke to serve on the Rate Commission of the City and County of Honolulu.

FOR ADOPTION

PUBLIC SAFETY

CR-219

Resolution 21-149

Confirming the appointment of Ann Botticelli to serve on the Police Commission of the City and County of Honolulu.

FOR ADOPTION

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Council
Agenda Item	Resolution 21-160
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item RESOLUTION 21-160 – APPOINTMENT OF ANTHONY B. AALTO TO SERVE ON THE HONOLULU AUTHORITY FOR RAPID TRANSPORTATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization Organization
Country Talk Story - Protecting and Preserving Free Speech and Free Press
STRONGLY OPPOSE RESOLUTION 21-160

Aloha Chair Tommy Waters and City Council members:

I consider Anthony Aalto a friend. We've interacted with him and his partner for many years on various issues and video-taping.

I don't have a problem with his business relationships with his sponsors that are related to rail developments or other compensated initiatives or even supporting Rick Blangiardi in his mayoral campaign.

Written Testimony I don't have a problem with his "documentaries" that are tilted to the Inclinations and agenda of his sponsors. That's a growing trend.

Aalto's record consistently showed his efforts to support the Rail Oligarchy, including to the extent of steering the Oahu Sierra Club Chapter to endorse the Rail Project during his tenure as volunteer chair. We're all aware that that decision caused much internal friction and public outcry.

Again, Anthony Aalto is a free agent to maximize and benefit his personal goals and plans as he pleases.

But it's a hard and bitter pill to swallow to see Mayor Rick Blangiardi nominate Aalto and the Honolulu City Council be so out of touch with

the public to push this nomination through with contrived explanations.

If Aalto were not replacing Joe Uno, it may not be so black and white. Joe Uno has 39 years of specialized construction costs management expertise and knowledge. Aalto has been a compensated social media supporter of the rail and other issues.

The City Council RESOLUTION further adds to this this illogical decision by stating, "WHEREAS, the Council finds that Anthony B. Aalto's expertise, training, and experience on the Rail Project, including his in-depth study of the Rail Project for over a year in producing a documentary film on the project and his well-balanced analysis of the status of the project (as shown on the attached Exhibit 1), meet the foregoing requirements and, therefore, are the substantial equivalent of the criteria listed in the 2011 and 2019 Resolutions; and WHEREAS, the Council has carefully considered the backgrounds, qualifications, and character of various HART Board candidates and desires to appoint Anthony B. Aalto to serve the remainder of the term that will expire on June 30, 2026;

now, therefore, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it hereby appoints Anthony B. Aalto to serve on the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation Board of Directors for the term to expire on June 30, 2026; "

Too add to this comedy of errors, it takes a professional comedian to try to fix this too obvious intransigent power trip of those who want Aalto on the HART Board to advance their agenda.

Please.

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TO: Members of the Honolulu City Council

FROM: Natalie Iwasa
808-395-3233

DATE: Wednesday, August 11, 2021

SUBJECT: Resolution 21-160, HART Appointee Aalto – **OPPOSED**
Resolution 21-160, FD1, HART Appointee Uno - **SUPPORT**

Aloha Chair Waters and Councilmembers,

Thank you for allowing testimony on Resolution 21-160 and the related FD1, which list qualifications of HART board members and makes a council appointment. *I am testifying in my own capacity and not as a representative of HART or any board position.*

Mr. Uno has the experience and qualifications that are much needed on the HART board at this time. He has asked important questions and raised valid concerns about plans for rail.

In addition, he has followed the most important section of the Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu is Sec. 11-101:

Elected and appointed officers and employees shall demonstrate by their example the highest standards of ethical conduct, to the end that the public may justifiably have trust and confidence in the integrity of government. They, as agents of public purpose, shall hold their offices or positions for the benefit of the public, shall recognize that the public interest is their primary concern, and shall faithfully discharge the duties of their offices regardless of personal considerations.

Please help restore public trust and re-appoint Mr. Uno to the HART board.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Council
Agenda Item	HART BOARD
Your position on the matter	Comment
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	We need Joseph Uno, an expert in construction. What we don't need is someone like Anthony Aalato, a film maker. Uno will be much better at exposing any weak areas of the rail project.
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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Transportation, Sustainability and Health
Agenda Item resolution 21-160
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

I oppose the appointment of Anthony Aalto who is totally unqualified and tied to rail special interests.

Written Testimony Please support resolution 21-160-FD1 retaining the appointment of Joe Uno who is one of the few responsible voices keeping track of the bloated cost overrun insanity of the Honolulu rail project.
Thank you.

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